



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the European Bone Marrow Working group (EBMWG)

Date: Thursday, April 10th, 2025 at 6.15-7.00 pm

Place: Salzburg, Austria

Number of participants: 39 (30 on-site, 9 online)

1. Opening of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM is opened by the Chairperson, Dr. Leonie Saft.

Since the EBMWG is now officially registered as a non-profit association, certain rules apply to the execution of the AGM according to the Deed of Incorporation (Articles 12.1, 12.4 and 12.7). Herein, it is stated that the AGM must be held within five (5) months after the closure of the financial year (Article 12.1) and that members entitled to vote must be informed by written notice with the subjects to be discussed at least thirty (30) days in advance (Article 12.4). Article 12.7. states that the AGM may also be held digitally.

The chairperson states that the rules are fulfilled and that the meeting is held in a hybrid format.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly, held on the 22nd of September 2024 during the Bone Marrow Day at the EA4HP meeting in Dubrovnik, Croatia, are approved by the members.

3. Report on the Scientific and Business activities after the last meeting.

a. Meetings

Members of the EBMWG have participated in the following educational meetings:

- International Association of Pathology (IAP) in Cancun, Mexico, October 27th-31th, 2024.
 - Tutorial on Neoplastic Hematopathology, January 20th-24th, 2025, Phoenix, USA.
- Recurrent meeting, organized by Dr. Daniel Arber and Dr. Attilio Orazi.

b. Publications

- Bone Marrow Workshop reports from the Bone Marrow Day at the EA4HP Meeting in Dubrovnik, 2024, are in progress.
- A BM workshop report from the XVI EBMWG International Course and Bone Marrow Workshop in Barcelona, 2023, has been accepted for publication in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology (*"Report from the XVI European Bone Marrow Working Group Course and Workshop, Barcelona 2023"*, by Roos J. Leguit, Maria Rozman, Hans Michael Kvasnicka, Rob P. Hasserjian, Leonor Arenillas, Estella Matutes, Fina Climent, Attilio Orazi).

c. Other planned activities

- EA4HP Webinar, 25th June 2025, moderated by Dr. Leonie Saft, with a lecture given by Dr. Umberto Gianelli on “Chronic Neutrophilic and Chronic Eosinophilic Leukemias: A Practical Approach to Differential Diagnosis” and two case presentations by members of the EBMWG.

4. Financial report by the Secretary / Treasurer

The financial report for the year 2024 is presented by Dr. Roos Leguit. The finances have been inspected and approved by the audit committee (Dr. Falko Fend; Dr. Hans Michael Kvasnicka). The financial report is accepted by the AGM.

The preliminary budgets for 2025 and 2026 are presented by the Secretary/Treasurer, but the budget proposals contain a lot of uncertainties regarding incomes and expenses.

5. and 6. Membership Fee and Professionalization of the EBMWG.

These two items are discussed together by the chairperson because of their close relationship. The duties, powers, and decision-making process of the EBMWG board are outlined in detail. The chair explains the need for professional secretarial/administrative support as a necessary next step in the professionalization of our Association (see motivational speech in the attachment). The introduction of a yearly membership fee of €100, starting in January 2026 is proposed by the Board and accepted by the AGM based on a simple majority vote. Members will be offered a discount fee of €100 on the registration fees of the future bi-annual EBMWG International Courses and BM Workshops. A small discount on the registration fee at the EA4HP meetings will be negotiated. Voluntary donations/contributions and payments via direct debiting (e.g. by using barcodes) are suggested by individual members. Invoices can be provided by the Secretary/Treasurer.

7. Recommendations and election by voting on new Board members

After 4 years, the term of Dr. Daniel Arber as USA representative on the board has now ended. We thank Dr. Arber for his contribution and support. Dr. Robert Hasserjian is appointed as a new USA representative by the AGM at the proposal of the Board for a period of two (2) years and may be reappointed at the proposal of the chairperson.

Anna Green has been appointed as consecutive Secretary/Treasurer and may join the Board meetings in that capacity as (non-voting) invitee (Artikel 8.6).

8. Recommendations and election by voting on new memberships

No new membership applications have been received since the last General Meeting in Dubrovnik, September 2024. Interested candidates must submit a CV, a letter of motivation and must provide support from two EBMWG members in good standing. Approval of new members requires a simple majority vote at the General Assembly. Applications can be sent per e-mail to the Secretary/Treasurer: R.J.Leguit-2@umcutrecht.nl.

9. Upcoming meetings

- EBMWG Scientific and Business Meeting, November 14th-15th, Paris, France, with Barbara Burrone and Antoine Martin as local organizers. More detailed information will be sent via email at least 4 months prior to the meeting. New members are encouraged to present a case or research data.
- XVIII EBMWG International Course and Bone Marrow Workshop, Ljubljana, Slovenia, in spring 2027, with Veronika Kloboves-Prevodnik and Gorana Gašljević as local organizers.

10. XIX EBMWG International Course and Bone Marrow Workshop (2029)

The location/local organizer will be announced at the next Business Meeting in Paris, November 2025.

11. Announcement of the next Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held within five (5) months after the close of the financial year (Artikel 12.1). The Board shall convene the AGM and will convene further General Meetings as often as two (2) members of the Board deem this desirable.

As there is no Scientific meeting planned in Spring 2026, this AGM will be held digitally. The exact date will be announced later.

12. Other

Honorary membership is granted to Dr. Attilio Orazi by the proposal of the board which is warmly supported by all participants of the AGM. On behalf of the board and all members, Dr. Daniel Arber thanks Dr. Orazi for his great and long-lasting support of the EBMWG, his scientific contributions, inspiration and friendship.

13. Presentation of the new EBMWG Board and Closure of the AGM

The Board of the EBMWG has five (5) members:

Leonie Saft (Chairperson)
Mats Ehinger (Chairperson Elect)
Alexandar Tzankov (Past Chairperson)
Roos Leguit (Secretary / Treasurer)
Robert Hasserjian (USA Representative)

Anna Green is appointed as consecutive Secretary / Treasurer Elect and will officially join the board as Secretary / Treasurer in October 2026.

The meeting is closed by the Chair, Dr. Leonie Saft.